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SUBJ: 30TH UNGA REGULAR SESSION SPEECH BY BRAZILIAN FOREIGN
MINISTER SILVEIRA

SUMMARY: IN HIS PLENARY SPEECH OPENING THE 30TH UNGA REGULAR SESSION, FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA REITERATED GOB'S INITIATIVES ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION, AND OUTLINED ITS VIEW OF UN REFORM. HE ADVOCATED A "PRAGMATIC" APPROACH TO THE ISSUE OF CHARTER REVISION, AND SUGGESTED THAT STRUCTURAL REFORM OF THE UN BE CONSIDERED INDEPENDENTLY OF CHARTER REVISION. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BEGIN FOR A GENERAL ACCORD BETWEEN DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. ON GUIDELINES FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION, AND PROPOSED THAT GOB'S INITIATIVES SUBMITTED DURING THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS IN THE REGULAR SESSION. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER EXPRESSING HOPE FOR THE SPEEDY ESTABLISHMENT OF POLITICAL STABILITY IN ANGOLA, SILVEIRA DISCUSSED THE CURRENT "CRISIS" OF THE UNITED NATIONS. HE SAID THAT THE WEAKNESS OF THE UN STEM LESS FROM STRUCTURAL FAULTS IN ITS ORGANIZATION THAN FROM THE TENDENCY OF THE MAJOR POWERS

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TO BYPASS THE UN IN PURSUING BILATERAL UNDERSTANDINGS.

HE NOTED THAT THIS TENDENCY WAS PARTICULARLY MARKED IN THE AREA OF DISARMAMENT WHERE THE "TWO SUPERPOWERS" HAVE CONDUCTED NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT REFERENCE TO EITHER THE UN OR THE SECURITY INTERESTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE ALSO CRITICIZED THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR THEIR RELUCTANCE TO ACCEPT NEW GUIDELINES WHICH WOULD REORIENTATE THEIR ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS WITH LDCS.

3. SILVEIRA SAID THAT THE GOB SUPPORTS REFORM OF THE UN STRUCTURE BUT WOULD LIKE TO SEE REVISION OF THE CHARTER ACCOMPANIED BY OTHER IMPROVEMENTS WHICH COULD BE IMPLEMENTED INDEPENDENTLY OF CHARTER REVISION. HE SAID THAT THE ISSUE OF CHARTER REVISION HAS GIVEN RISE TO "UNFOUNDED ENTHUSIASMS AND UNJUSTIFIED FEARS", AND URGED THAT REVISION BE BASED ON AN "OBJECTIVE EFFORT" TO IDENTIFY THOSE ARTICLES IN THE CHARTER WHICH REALLY REQUIRE AMENDMENT. HE EMPHASIZED THAT "OVERLY OPTIMISTIC PLANS FOR AN IDEA REVISION" SHOULD GIVE WAY TO A "PRAGMATIC" APPROACH INCORPORATING THE ACCUMULATED THE POSSIBILITY OF REFORMS OF THE UN WHICH WOULD NOT REQUIRE REVISION OF ITS CHARTER.

4. SILVEIRA PROPOSED THAT THE REGULAR SESSION REEXAMINE THE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY THE GOB DURING THE SPECIAL SESSION FOR THE RESTRUCTURING OF TRADING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. HE POINTED OUT THAT THESE PROPOSALS AIMED AT GUARANTEEING LDCS THE RIGHT OF ACCESS TO THE MARKETS AND OTHER RESOURCES OF DCS, WHILE CONFIRMING THE RIGHT OF INDUSTRIAL STATES TO ADEQUATE SUPPLIES OF RAW MATERIALS AT REASONABLE PRICES. HE SUGGESTED THAT THESE PROPOSALS SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR THE NEGOTIATION OF A GENERAL ACCORD BETWEEN DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. BUT HE ADDED THAT SUCH AN ACCORD SHOULD ALSO INCORPORATE NEGOTIATIONS ON TARIFF REVISION IN GATT AS WELL AS THOSE SEEKING TO PRESERVE THE PURCHASING POWER OF COUNTRIES EXPORTING RAW MATERIALS.

5. IN CONCLUDING, SILVEIRA EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE RESULTS OF THE REGULAR SESSION WOULD NOT BE MEASURED BY UNCLASSIFIED

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THE NUMBER OF PROBLEMS RESOLVED OR OBJECTIVES ACHIEVED, BUT BY THE FORMULATION GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.
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